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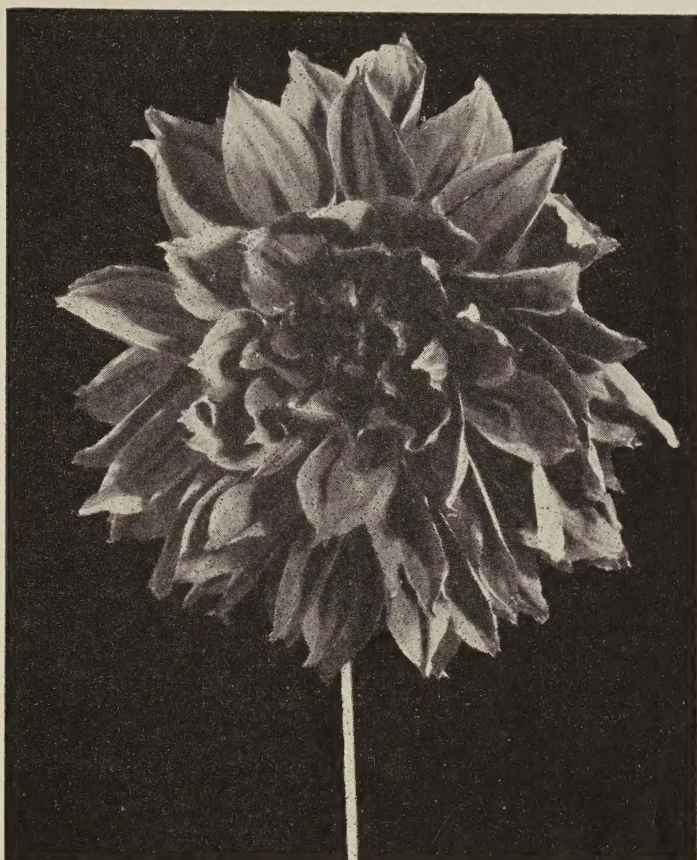
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# *Fifteenth Annual Catalog*



❧ *Red Rocket* ❧

## DAHLIAS *for* 1945

—Grown by—

**MILLER DAHLIA FARMS**

R. C. MILLER, Prop.

13055 24th Avenue South

Seattle, 88, Wash.

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"The Highest Quality Dahlia Roots Obtainable"



## *Our Contribution to the Fight Against Inflation*

From the time of our entrance into the Commercial Dahlia business in 1931 it has always been our policy to sell only the highest quality Dahlia roots we know how to produce, and at the lowest possible price such stock could be offered. That this way of doing business is approved by the Dahlia growing public is shown by the hundreds of customers who return year after year for their stock to the Miller Dahlia Farms, and the steady growth of the demand from their friends and neighbors.

In the present period of war time conditions, it has been impossible to enlarge the planting to keep up with the increasing demand, and it is a matter of most sincere regret that so many good customers were unable to have their orders filled last season. It is probable that the same condition will obtain this season, although every effort has been made to list only those varieties of which sufficient stock is on hand to take care of most orders. The advice and example of some other Dahlia growers to increase the prices and thus cash in on the easy profits possible, has not been followed. Instead more efficient methods have been worked out, and economies studied, such as using waste cardboard containers for shipping and waste paper for wrapping, etc.

In the case of some varieties our prices after figuring the quantity discount, are less than the wholesale prices of the cut flower Dahlia growers, to whom the sale of roots is a secondary consideration. Thinking a fair distribution to as many customers as possible is better than having to disappoint most of them on these varieties, the right to limit the number of roots of any one variety to a single order is reserved. Thus a limit of five roots to a customer of Jane Cowl, Jerseys Beauty and Satan seems equitable. It is hoped it will not be necessary to limit any of the other varieties.

Unless otherwise instructed on your order, all items will be supplied to the limit of stock unsold at the time and subject to the above limitations. A refund will be made in case any portion of your order cannot be filled. Regardless of labor shortage, rising costs and the other problems all business has had to face in this period, our customers, new as well as old, may be assured that no effort has been spared in the culture of the Dahlia stock offered, and the low prices in no way indicate that the stock is anything but—"THE HIGHEST QUALITY DAHLIA ROOTS OBTAINABLE!"



Azura



## VARIETIES OFFERED and RECOMMENDED

Roots only are offered, and orders are accepted subject to prior sale of stock on hand at time the order is received, roots being set aside for immediate shipment or for future delivery as the customer wishes. The prices following the varieties include ordinary Parcel Post charges. In parentheses following the variety name is given the name of the introducer or originator and the year first sold.

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| <b>ADIRONDACK SUNSET</b> , I.D. (Parkway, 1935), 8x5½—4'. 9" strong straight stems. Blooms facing. Very bright light red with golden base and reverse, giving a shading to the entire bloom. Heavy pointed florets. Full bloom..... | 25¢ |
| <b>ADORABLE</b> , I.D. (Angell, 1935), 8x4—4½'. 11" stiff stems. Blooms facing above the foliage. Pinard yellow, with inner florets flesh pink. Profuse and a good keeper. A.D.S. Cert.....                                         | 25¢ |
| <b>ANDREA ERICSON</b> , I.D. (F. & M., 1931), 9½x4—4'. 14" strong straight stems. Perfectly facing above the foliage. White with a creamy full center.....                                                                          | 25¢ |
| <b>ARELDA LLOYD</b> , I.D. (Smith 1930), 9x5—3'. 15" straight strong stems. Lemon yellow faintly suffused rose. Twisted florets. ....                                                                                               | 30¢ |
| <b>AUTUMN SUNGLOW</b> , S.C. (Miller D. Farms 1937), 9½x4—4½'. 12" stiff straight stems. Some blooms not quite facing. Golden orange buff, narrow florets, heavy bush growth.....                                                   | 25¢ |
| <b>AZURA</b> , I.D. (Ballay, 1936), 11x5—5'. 16" extra heavy straight stems. Blooms perfectly facing. A glowing shade of deep lilac. Long heavy florets, nicely curled. Thick leathery foliage .....                                | 50¢ |

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ORDERS

All orders are either shipped or acknowledged by return mail.

**IDENTIFICATION OF ROOTS**—Stamped indelibly on each root is its name. This is done at the time of dividing the clumps so that there is very little possibility of a root being mislabeled.

**DISCOUNTS**—It has been found there is some saving in overhead expenses and labor when large orders are sent out, and this saving is returned to the customer as follows:

|                                              |              |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>ORDERS</b> amounting to over \$20.00..... | 20% discount |
| <b>ORDERS</b> amounting to over \$10.00..... | 15% discount |
| <b>ORDERS</b> amounting to over \$3.00.....  | 10% discount |

The discount to which your order entitles you may be deducted in sending in the remittance with your order, or will be supplied by me in the form of extra roots of my selection in which case usually somewhat better value is given than the exact amount as listed.

Make checks and money orders payable to MILLER DAHLIA FARMS. Cash, stamps and currency accepted only at sender's risk.

**C. O. D. ORDERS**—No. C. O. D. orders accepted without a deposit of at least 25% of the amount of the order. Collection charges will be added to the amount to be collected by the postman.

**Abbreviations** following the name of the Dahlia refer to the various types as follows:

**F.D.**—Formal Decorative  
**S.C.**—Semi-Cactus  
**I.D.**—Informal Decorative

**St. Cac.**—Straight Cactus  
**Min.**—Miniature (less than 4 inches in diameter)

The size of the average bloom is indicated by the figures following the abbreviation, thus—Adorable, I.D. 8x4—4½ shows this variety is an Informal Decorative type, with blooms 8 inches in diameter and 4 inches deep, with about a 4½-foot high plant as grown here. The length of stems is measured from the base of the bloom to the first leaf or bud below it.

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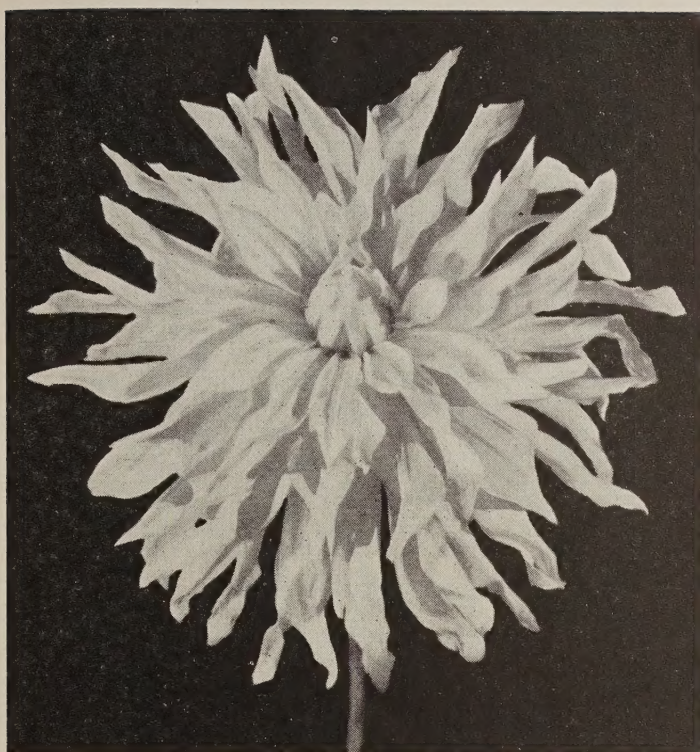
*Begonia Rose*

- BAGDAD, I.D.**, (Redfern 1939) 9½x4—5'. 10" heavy straight stems. Blooms mostly facing, and well above the foliage. Vivid scarlet .....20¢
- BEGONIA ROSE, F.D.** (Schutte 1940), 6x3—5'. 15" stiff strong stems. Blooms perfectly facing. A new shade of pink best described by the name. Full bloom and exceptionally good as a cut flower. A.D.S. Cert.....1.00



Bright Embers



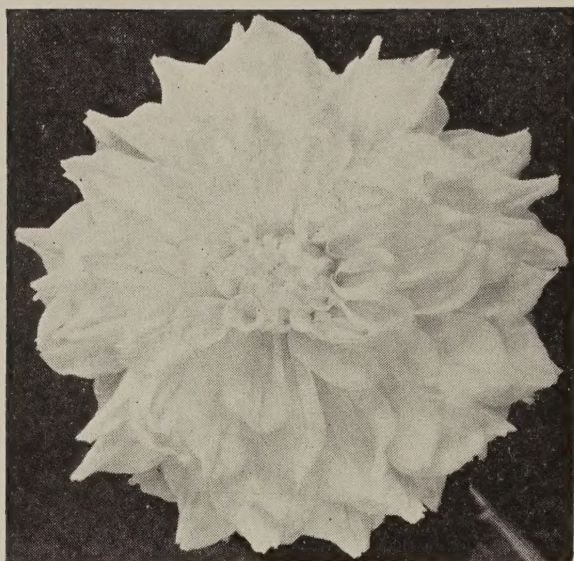


Betty Hubbard

- BETTY HUBBARD**, S.C. (Armstrong 1939), 10x6—4½'. 10" stiff wiry stems. Perfectly facing. Clear deep yellow. Full bloom, high center, good keeper.....50¢
- BLUE RIVER**, F.D. (Salem D. G., 1935), 9x3—4½'. 10" stiff stems. Blooms facing. Bluish mauve, about as close to blue as any Dahlia can come. Long heavy florets in full bloom .....40¢
- BOBBY DEAN**, F.D., 6x3—5'. 12" straight wiry stems. Blooms perfectly facing. A light orange buff Jersey's Beauty.....20¢
- BRIGHT EMBERS**, I.D. (Miller D. Farms, 1941), 8x4—4'. 12" straight strong stems. Blooms facing. Rose scarlet, with bright gold shadings at the base of the florets, giving the effect suggesting the name. Excellent substance therefore a splendid keeping flower when cut. Very profuse.....40¢
- CALIFORNIA IDOL**, I.D. (Ballay, 1935), 9x5—4½'. 15" strong straight stems. Blooms mostly facing. Clear yellow. Perhaps the most refined of the few really great yellow Dahlias. 14" to 15" blooms of this readily grown.....30¢
- CHAMPOEG**, I.D. (Crites 1931), 9x4—4'. 15" heavy, straight stems. Blooms above the foliage but not all facing. Canary yellow, the outer florets overlaid on the ends with light scarlet. Pale yellow reverse. Very showy.....25¢
- CHARLES L. MASTICK**, F.D. (Tyler, 1937), 9x5—4'. 12" straight strong stems. Bright orange with pink reverse. Full bloom, excellent cut flower.....35¢
- CLARA CARDER**, I.D. (Kemp, 1935), 10x5—3'. 10" straight stiff stems. Blooms facing. Glowing cyclamen pink, deepening at center. Broad florets uniformly curled.....25¢
- CORALLINA**, S.C., 9x5—5'. 12" wiry stiff stems. Blooms facing. Brick red. shading to gold at base.....30¢
- CORNELIA B. PINCHOT**, I.D., (Veile 1935), 10x5—5'. 12" stiff stems. Blooms facing. Glowing Burgundy red, and a full bloom with long curled florets.....40¢
- DAD SMITH**, F.D., (Smith 1936), 6x4—4'. 8" wiry straight stems with blooms facing. Bi-color, bright yellow and scarlet .....25¢
- DANCING SULTANA**, F.D. (Boston 1929) 7½x4—4½'. 10" heavy stems. Blooms all facing. Rich velvety red with stripes and centers of bright golden yellow. Pointed folded florets. ....25¢

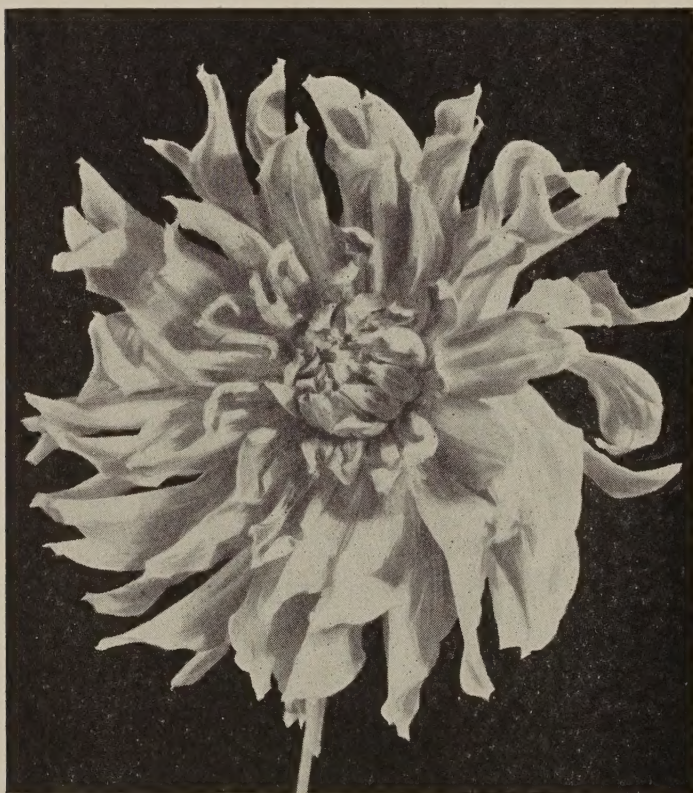
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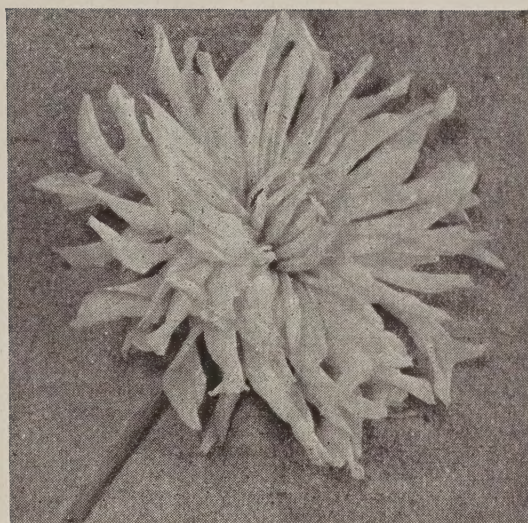
Darcy Sainsbury

- DARCY SAINSBURY**, F.D. (from Australia, 1937), 9x5—4'. 14" strong, straight stems. Blooms facing well above the foliage. Creamy white. Long, heavy florets of good substance, good keeper. Still about the best large white.....50¢
- EDISON**, S.C., (Western 1929), 9x4—4½'. 8" stiff stems. Blooms facing. Glowing light crimson. Long narrow florets in a full bloom. Early and profuse.....20¢
- ENTRUP'S SULTAN**, F.D., 8x4—5'. 10" strong straight stems. Blooms facing. Clear carmine rose color. Early and profuse .....25¢
- FLAMBEAU**, I.D., (Miller Dahlia Farms 1942), 9x4—3'. 8" stiff straight stems. Blooms facing. Light scarlet, with bright lemon yellow running from the base of each floret like a tongue of fire. Florets somewhat twisted with curled edges. Excellent substance, high tight centers.....75¢



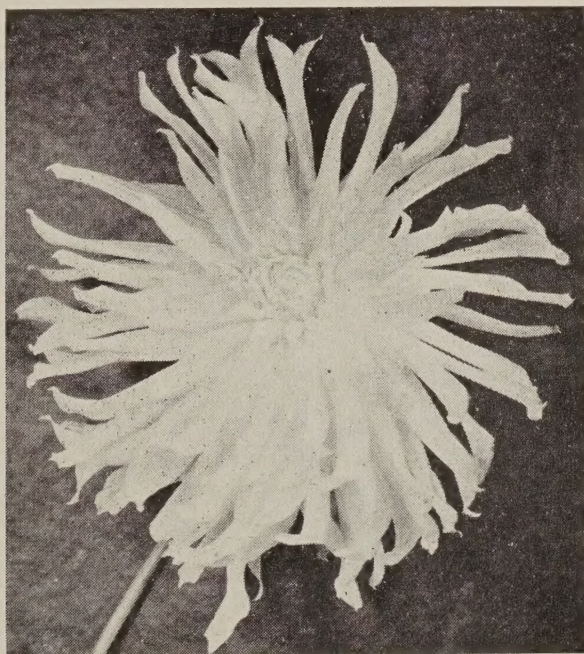
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Golden  
Plume

- FOREST FIRE, I.D.** (Dahliadel, 1935), 9x5—3½'. 6" stiff stems. Blooms facing and sky-ward. Lemon yellow, shading from base to rich scarlet towards the tips. Leathery foliage. Profuse bloomer on a bushy plant and very showy.....25¢
- GOLDEN ECLIPSE, F.D.** (Badetty 1933), 7½x4½—5'. 12" strong graceful stems. Blooms facing. Bright gold with a shading of salmon at center. Splendid keeper, and good for cutting. A.D.S. Cert.....20¢
- GOLDEN PLUME, S.C.** (Miller D. Farms, 1937), 10x4—3'. 12" stiff stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Clear light yellow. Profuse .....15¢
- GOLDEN STANDARD, St. Cact.** (Downs, 1935), 9x6—5'. 15" wiry straight stems. Blooms facing above the foliage. Gold, with amber buff center. Profuse.....25¢
- GREATER GLORY, S.C.** (Salem, 1937), 10x5—5½'. 12" wiry straight stems. Blooms facing well over the foliage. Rose pink shading to light yellow at center. Florets well rolled, making it nearly a straight cactus type.....60¢
- HEATH SPENCER, S.C.**, (from England 1934), 9x4—5'. 10" wiry stiff stems. Blooms well facing. Lemon yellow. Very profuse and a good cut flower Dahlia.....25¢



Heath Spencer

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Kentucky  
Sun

- H. R. S., I.D.** (Seal, 1932), 9x5—5'. 10" stiff stems. Blooms facing. Deep golden yellow, faint orchid shading. Long wavy florets in a full bloom. Heavy bush, profuse.....30¢
- HUNT'S VELVET WONDER, I.D.** (Hunt, 1935), 10x6—4'. 10" stiff straight stems. Blooms facing and sky-ward. Rosy magenta shading to true purple. Heavy florets, full bloom, but needs disbudding and especially picking out the first bud to avoid crotch bloom. Early and a good keeper.....25¢
- IROQUOIS SUNBEAM, I.D.,** (Toth 1934), 8x4—5'. 10" stiff straight stems. Blooms perfectly erect and facing. Orange buff, suffused coral. Dark stem and foliage. Profuse, and an attractive cut flower variety. A.D.S. Cert.....20¢
- JANE COWL, I.D.** (Downs, 1926), 9½x5—5'. 8" heavy erect stems. Blooms facing and partly sky-ward. Warm buff and old gold, deep apricot shadings and center. Full bloom. heavy foliage, and a universal favorite.....15¢
- JERSEY'S BEAUTY, F.D.,** (Waite 1926), 7x4—5'. 14" strong straight stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Eosine pink, a beautiful cut flower shade and form. Excellent keeper.....20¢
- JERSEYS DAINTY, S.C.** (Waite, 1934), 7½x4—4½'. 10" wiry straight stems. Blooms facing above the attractive foliage. Pure white, some early blooms slightly suffused lavender. Good cut flower, and early.....25¢
- JERSEY'S WHITE BEAUTY, F.D.,** (Waite 1936), 7x4—5'. 12" straight wiry stems. Blooms all facing. White, the same type and habits of the pink Jersey's Beauty.....35¢
- JUANITA MONACHO, S.C.,** 9x4—5'. 12" straight wiry stems. Dark red. Blooms facing. Long florets, a good cut flower.....20¢
- KATHLEEN NORRIS, I.D.** (F. & M., 1929), 10x5—4'. 14" heavy stems. Blooms usually facing. Bright rose pink with lighter shadings on older blooms. Massive blooms and rather profuse. ....25¢
- KENTUCKY SUN, F.D.** (White, 1933), 8x5—4'. 12" strong, straight stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Clear lemon yellow. Very symmetrical florets of good substance, and produces quantities of splendid keeping blooms.....15¢
- LA DOSKA DOWD, I.D.,** 7½x4—4½'. 12" wiry stiff stems. Blooms all facing. Deep yellow with a touch of rose pink on the outer florets. Narrow curled florets, very artistic and good for cutting.....15¢
- MARSHALL'S PINK, F.D.** (Eastern, 1937), 7x4—5'. 15" straight wiry stems. Pure pink, a little lighter than Jersey's Beauty, and by some preferred to it as a cut flower.....20¢
- MONARCH OF THE EAST, F.D.** (Almy 1929), 10x5—4'. 12" stiff strong stems. Blooms facing and skyward. Rich golden yellow, light red reverse. Heavy massive blooms.....60¢
- MONMOUTH RADIANCE, I.D.** (Kemp 1934), 9½x5—5½'. 10" strong straight stems. Blooms facing. Brilliant coral pink suffused primrose yellow. Florets pointed at tips. Slightly late in blooming.....25¢





Mrs. Ella Worthen

- M. KOL**, I.D., 7x4—3'. 10" wiry stems. Blooms facing. Bright orange shaded light yellow, with each floret tipped white. Early and profuse. Does well everywhere.....25¢
- MOTHER O'MINE**, I.D. (Moss 1940) 10x5—3'. 10" stiff strong stems. Blooms facing and skyward. Peach pink suffused and shaded gold. Full bloom, high center.....1.00
- MRS. A. WARD**, F.D. (from Australia 1935), 9x4—4'. 12" straight stems. Blooms facing. Blended old gold and salmon, darkening at center. Full bloom and profuse. Broad florets.....20¢
- MRS. E. BRADLEY**, Inc. Cact., 7x3—3½'. 9" wiry stiff stems. Blooms perfectly facing. White. Narrow florets of good substance. Light foliage. Profuse and very early to bloom.....40¢
- MRS. ELLA WORTHEN**, S.C. (Garrity, 1933), 10x4—5½'. 15" stiff straight stems. Blooms facing. Salmon pink with yellow shadings. Long graceful florets, with unusual high centers. A little late, but its large beautiful blooms excite universal admiration for its grace and color shading.....25¢
- MRS. ETHEL F. T. SMITH**, S.C. (Broomall), 9x3—5'. 15" straight stems. Blooms facing above the foliage. Creamy white, shading to lemon yellow at center. Early and profuse. One of the old ones, still worth while.....15¢
- MRS. GEORGE LE BOUTELLIER**, I.D. Ruschmohr, 1935), 10x5—3½'. 15" heavy stems. Blooms normally facing, but sometimes too heavy growth will cause drooping. Deep carmine red, a brilliant rich color on a most spectacular bloom. Leathery foliage, dark stems.....20¢



Mrs. George le Boutellier

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### Oakleigh Monarch

- MYRA HOWARD**, I.D. (Dahliadel, 1932), 9½x6—5'. 18" strong, graceful stems. Blooms facing. Gold with tints of salmon buff. Full blooms with numbers of graceful petaloids among the florets, adding interest to the great blooms. Early and profuse.....20¢
- NANCY ROBINSON**, I.D., 6x3—5'. 12" straight stiff stems. Blooms facing. Eosine pink, lighter shading. Narrow florets, gracefully curled. ....40¢
- OAKLEIGH MONARCH**, I.D. (Oakleigh, 1936), 9x6—3½'. 10" heavy straight stems. Blooms perfectly facing and uniform in size and form. Brilliant clear carmine red. The florets are wide and heavy making a full bloom. Cert. of Merit.....30¢
- OPALESCENT**, I.D. (Miller D. F., 1940), 10x7—6'. 15" straight stems. Blooms sky-ward and partly facing. Chrome yellow shading to pinard yellow, flesh color and carrot red on outer florets, reverse streaked Alarizine pink, old rose and pinard yellow. Remarkable keeper when cut. Profuse.....60¢



Opalescent





### Peach Blush

- PALE MOON**, F.D., (Miller Dahlia Farms 1941), 6x4—5'. 8" stiff stems. Blooms facing. Soft light yellow, unshaded. Early and most profuse. Splendid variety for cut flower work .....25¢
- PALO ALTO**, I.D., (Ballay 1935), 9x5—4'. 12" straight stems. Blooms facing well above the foliage. Delicate salmon and gold, deeper center. A.D.S. Cert.....30¢
- PEACH BLUSH**, I.D. (Miller Dahlia Farms, 1940), 9x5—4½'. 12" strong straight stems. Golden cream, overlaid and shaded with light carmine. Full bloom.....40¢
- PINK SPIRAL**, Inc. Cact. (from Holland), 7x4—4'. 14" stiff wiry stems. Perfectly facing. Peach blossom pink with light yellow center. Florets tightly rolled, and blooms all uniform in shape. Excellent cut flower.....60¢
- POINSETTA**, S.C., (Rindfleisch 1931), 9x5—4'. 12" wiry stems. Blooms well out of bush, some facing, some sky-ward, and a few dipped. Pure unshaded Nopal red, attractive dark foliage. Early and profuse.....15¢
- PRINCE OF PERSIA**, I.D. (Newsom, 1931), 9½x6—4' 10" wiry stems. Blooms facing. Beautiful lively shade of bright red which stands the hottest sun without fading or burning. Graceful heavy florets, and a high center, one of the most eye-filling giants in the red class.....15¢
- PRUDENCE PENNY**, I.D., 6x4—5'. 10" stiff wiry stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Blended old gold and apricot. Formation and color make it about a perfect miniature Jane Cowl, very effective in bouquets.....35¢
- QUEEN CITY**, F.D., (Golden Rule 1936), 7x4—5'. 15" stiff stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Soft scarlet pink, a new and charming shade for cut flower use. Early, profuse and long keeping. ....20¢

### 7 ENTRIES — 7 FIRST PRIZES

Waterville, Wash., Sept. 19, 1944—"Yes, of course we entered some of our Dahlias, made 7 entries and received 7 first prizes—the following: Charles L. Mastick, Franz Berger, Iroquois Sunbeam, Queen City Satan and Renate Muller, and then we entered a bouquet of 12 blooms and received first prize for this too."—Mrs. K. R. S.

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Pink Spiral

- RED GUARD**, I.D. (Miller Dahlia Farms, 1941), 10x5—5'. 14" straight stiff stems. Blooms facing. Bright red. Heavy florets in a rather massive looking bloom.....60¢
- RED ROCKET**, F.D. (Miller D. Farms 1943), 8x4—5'. 10" stiff stems. Blooms all facing. Brilliant unfading scarlet. Florets pointed and slightly curled.....1.00
- REGENT**, Inc. Cact., 8x4—5'. 10" wiry stiff stems. Blooms facing. Heliotrope pink, with touches of bright gold at base of florets. One of the earliest bloomers, and very profuse. Good keeper .....20¢
- RIPPLES**, I.D., 9x4—5'. 12" stiff wiry stems. Blooms facing. Glowing pink in a full bloom.....25¢
- SAGAMORE BEAUTY**, F.D., (Shattuck 1929), 7x3—3'. 10" stiff wiry stems. Blooms facing. Rich true pink, with cream center. Early and profuse, and can hardly be equalled for cut flowers .....25¢
- SANHICAN'S CAMEO**. F.D. (F. & M., 1932), 9x4—4'. 10" straight stems. Blooms all facing above the foliage. Coral rose with a golden sheen, pink reverse. Leathery foliage. Clean cut florets and delicate coloring make the name most appropriate .....20¢
- SATAN**, S.C. (Ballay, 1932), 9½x5—5'. 16" heavy straight stems. Blooms perfectly erect and facing. Rich scarlet with creamy reverse showing at the center and on the ends of the florets, which are horn-shaped. Has been grown to 16 inches. Cert. of Merit.....20¢
- SILVERADO**, Inc. Cact., 9x4—5'. 12" straight wiry stems. Blooms facing on stems, but slightly dipped on the bush. white with faint lavender shadings, full bloom.....15¢
- SONNY BOY**, I.D. (Salem D. G. 1933), 9x4½—4'. 10" stiff straight stems. Blooms facing. Old rose tinged and striped old gold. Heavy dark foliage. A little late bloomer.....35¢





Satan

- SONNY JIM ROLFE**, I.D. (B. Bostom, 1933),  $9\frac{1}{2} \times 4-5'$ . 10" straight stiff stems. Blooms facing. Apricot and old gold, somewhat similar to Jane Cowl, with more blooms perfectly facing. ....25¢
- SOPHISTICATE**, I.D. (Miller D. Farms, 1941),  $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5-5'$ . 10" strong, graceful stems. Blooms facing. Amaranth pink with lighter shadings. Excellent keeper, and very profuse. Vigorous bush growth. Occasional open center.....35¢
- SULTAN OF HILLCREST**, F.D., (Scott 1933),  $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5-3'$ . 12" heavy straight stems. Blooms facing. Yellow with faint touches of rose, and rose reverse. Full bloom and a good keeper. A.D.S. Cert.....35¢
- THE COMMODORE**, I.D. (Kemp, 1932),  $10 \times 6-3\frac{1}{2}'$ . 12" strong, erect stems. Blooms facing. Solid unshaded yellow. Produces lots of big attractive blooms. Cert. of Merit... 10¢

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#### A TRULY GREAT DAHLIA

**Elsinore, Cal., Oct. 22, 1944**—"Darcy Sainsbury, it was then 75c and worth 5 times that amount. It is the outstanding Dahlia I have. We have temperatures up to 108 and it holds its own and does not droop and the edges burn but very little. Every one raves about it."—G. A. W.



Sophisticate

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Twisted Triumph

- TWISTED TRIUMPH**, I.D. (Tower 1936), 8x5—4½'. 10" straight stems. Perfectly facing. Bright pure lemon yellow, in a full bloom. Florets are noticeably twisted and curled. Always a full high center.....60¢
- WENOKA**, F.D. (Hulin, 1935), 8x5—4½'. 14" straight strong stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Rosy mauve with magenta shadings. Good keeper and rather spectacular.....35¢
- WHITE ABUNDANCE**, I.D. (from Europe, 1934), 9x5—5'. 12" straight strong stems. Blooms facing above the foliage. waxy white. Most useful in cut flower work.....30¢
- W. H. T.**, F.D. (McCarroll, 1930), 7½x4—6'. 10" strong stems. Blooms well above the foliage, but not quite facing. Begonia rose, with mauve reverse. Back florets fold back to the stem..15¢



—THAT FASCINATING SEEDLING PLOT—

Many customers report the pleasure they have had from watching the development of new and different Dahlia varieties each year, grown by them from seed purchased here. It is unusual for seed to produce anything exactly like the Dahlia from which it was picked, and as this method of growing seedlings is the way new varieties are produced, the interest one has in creating these new Dahlias can be easily understood. Especially recommended is our Pompon seed, a packet or two of these planted in the spring will surprise with a profusion of bloom of every conceivable combination of colors, mostly Pompon or Miniature types, later in the summer.



**Connellsville, Pa., Sept. 4, 1944**—"Some time ago I purchased Dahlia bulbs from your place and among them was a red one called Poinsetta. I have three blue ribbons which were won on this Dahlia."—J. A. C.



**ZONE NUMBER**—The Post Office Department requests that Zone Number be used in cities where this system is in effect. Please note our Zone Number: Seattle 88, Wash.





Your Lucky Star

- YOUR LUCKY STAR**, S.C. (American D. F. 1939), 9x4—4'. 12" straight strong stems. Blooms facing. Amaranth pink, central florets white. High center. Profuse and a good cut flower. ....50¢
- YOUTH**, F.D. (Parrella 1936), 6x3—4½'. 8" straight stems. Blooms facing. Deep carmine, more or less tipped and striped white. Narrow folded florets in a full bloom.....40¢

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**GUARANTEE**—All roots sent out are guaranteed to be sound, healthy, true to name and to have at least one live eye or sprout. Any root found unsatisfactory must be returned within three weeks of its receipt by the customer, for replacement or refund of the purchase price. Should a Dahlia prove untrue to name, it will be replaced the following season. No further obligation than the amount paid for the root is assumed by the Miller Dahlia Farms under this guarantee.

**SUBSTITUTIONS**—Stock of some varieties may not be equal to the demand, and to save time and correspondence or the necessity of a refund, it is suggested the customer allow the privilege of substituting similar varieties when necessary, especially in later orders. Extra value is always given in such cases.

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## MINIATURE DAHLIAS

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| <b>BABY ROYAL</b> , Min. S.C. or Peony, Salmon pink.....                                                                                             | 15¢ |
| <b>BUTTERFLY</b> , Min. F.D., Creamy white with a suffusion of pink and lemon yellow.....                                                            | 20¢ |
| <b>CARLOTTA</b> , Min. F.D., Light carmine red, narrow folded florets, each daintily notched at end. Good stems, tall, and a florist's favorite..... | 15¢ |
| <b>FAIRY</b> , Min. I.D., Salmon pink, florets attractively curled.....                                                                              | 20¢ |
| <b>FOX HOUND</b> , Min. Single, or Duplex, brick red, each floret striped white. Some solid red blooms.....                                          | 15¢ |
| <b>FRANCIS GRAHAM</b> , Min. S. C., Small pink with creamy yellow center. Good stems and profuse. Low bush.....                                      | 25  |
| <b>GRANITE FALLS</b> , Collarette, 4" bloom, 3' bush. Red with yellow collar.....                                                                    | 20¢ |
| <b>LITTLE PAL</b> , Min. F.D., Small orange and white, good stems, low bush. ....                                                                    | 15¢ |
| <b>PERSIMMON</b> , Min. F.D., Bright orange red. Full bloom.....                                                                                     | 20¢ |
| <b>RED PEARL</b> , Min. Peony, Light red, tall.....                                                                                                  | 15¢ |
| <b>SERENE</b> , Min. F.D., Light orange red. Good stems. Early and profuse .....                                                                     | 20¢ |
| <b>STOPLIGHT</b> . Min. F.D., Small dusky red. Profuse, tall bush.....                                                                               | 25¢ |

## SPECIAL POMPON AND MINIATURE ASSORTMENT

Six roots Pompons plus six roots Miniatures.....\$1.25

A nice assortment of these useful little varieties, the selection of varieties being made by The Miller Dahlia Farms. All roots will be marked with their names except two of the Miniatures, these two being as yet un-named varieties.



## POMPON and MINIATURE DAHLIAS

**Pompons, per root.....15¢**

**ALICE ROCKWOOD**, Old rose, large blooms, tall.

**AIMEE**, Small orange, shaded apricot.

**ALLEN H.**, Light pink, flushed cream.

**AMBER QUEEN**, Light orange, or amber.

**BARBARA**, Light lavender pink with white center. Very regular, with dark foliage. Tall bush.

**BLUE DOT**, Deep lavender, extra good stems.

**CHICKIE**, Old rose. Very small, tall bush.

**CLARA HARSH**, Cream, tipped rose.

**CLARICE**, Deep lilac.

**CLEO**, Orange, shading deeper at tips.

**CORNELIA**, Large white, faintly flushed pink.

**CONSTANCE**, Maroon purple. Double quilled florets. Long stems, tall bush. Medium large.

**ELISE**, Small golden amber.

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**ELIZABETH**, Lemon yellow, heavily tipped carmine.  
**ELVINA**, Scarlet and orange, more or less variegated.  
**EUREKA**, Light orange, tipped scarlet, some white florets.  
**FIFI**, Large white with light lavender tips.  
**FLAME**, Deep red, medium bush.  
**GARNET FLAKES**, Rich red, tall bush, some open centers  
**GOLDIE**, Bright yellow, large.  
**HAZEL DELL**, Clear pink, edged cerise.  
**HELEN ANITA**, Lilac with white central florets.  
**IROQUOIS HENRY**, Deep lilac, white floret base.  
**JOE FETTE**, White.  
**JOSEPHINE**, Purple, low bush.  
**LETA**, Large bright red.  
**LITTLE DAVID**, Russet orange, nearly red.  
**LORRE**, Bright red. Florets are double rolled.  
**LURLINE**, White, with faint touches of pink.  
**MARIANNE**, Cream, tipped deep lavender.  
**MARY MUNNS**, Pure light purple.  
**MIMI**, Very small carmine red, occasional white floret.  
**MINNIE MELLS**, Lavender, deeper shaded center.  
**MORNING MIST**, Light lavender pink, shaded white. Low bush.  
**PEGGY ANN**, Yellow, shaded brownish red. Tall.  
**SPECKLES**, Deep red and white, variegated.  
**SYLVIA MORGAN**, Light pink, large.  
**TOM THUMB**, Light red, very small.  
**YELLOW GEM**, Canary yellow.

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## REGARDING DATE OF SHIPMENT

Roots may be ordered at any time and will be shipped at any date desired by the customer. However, it is advisable to have them sent not too long before the time for planting, as no Dahlia grower can be responsible for any loss which may occur on account of spoiling or drying out of roots which are in the customers' hands for a month or so before planting. And where early orders are used for forcing for the purpose of making cuttings to plant, there is no guarantee against rotting of the roots in this process. In sections where the spring is backward and the ground is still cold and wet in May, it is advised to keep the roots in the peat moss in which they are packed, and they will sprout nicely with hardly any attention, so when the ground is warmed up the new plant will have a better start than if it had been put in the ground earlier. Parcel post charges are all paid by me, and express charges on large shipments, but where small orders are wanted sent during weather when freezing might occur in transit, the shipment will be made express, charges collect.

# ORDER SHEET

## MILLER DAHLIA FARMS

R. C. Miller, Prop.

13055 24th Avenue South, Seattle 88, Wash.

You may send me the items checked on the following list. I would like to receive them about.....

(Name) .....

Street or R.F.D. No.....

City..... State.....

Enclosed find check \$..... M. O. \$.....

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| .25 Adirondack Sunset    | .25 Monmouth Radiance      |
| .25 Adorable             | 1.00 Mother O'Mine         |
| .30 Arelida Lloyd        | .20 Mrs. A. Ward           |
| .25 Autumn Sunglow       | .40 Mrs. E. Bradley        |
| .25 Andrea Ericson       | .25 Mrs. Ella Worthen      |
| .50 Azura                | .15 Mrs. Ethel Smith       |
| .20 Bagdad               | .20 Mrs. G. Le Boutellier  |
| .50 Betty Hubbard        | .20 Myra Howard            |
| 1.00 Begonia Rose        | .40 Nancy Robinson         |
| .40 Blue River           | .30 Oakleigh Monarch       |
| .50 Bright Embers        | .60 Opalescent             |
| .30 California Idol      | .30 Palo Alto              |
| .25 Champoege            | .25 Pale Moon              |
| .35 Chas. L. Mastick     | .40 Peach Blush            |
| .25 Clara Carder         | .60 Pink Spiral            |
| .30 Corallina            | .15 Poinsetta              |
| .40 Cornelia B. Pinchot  | .15 Prince of Persia       |
| .25 Dad Smith            | .35 Prudence Penny         |
| .25 Dancing Sultana      | .20 Queen City             |
| .50 Darcy Sainsbury      | .60 Red Guard              |
| .20 Edison               | 1.00 Red Rocket            |
| .25 Entrups Sultan       | .25 Ripples                |
| .75 Flambeau             | .25 Sagamore Beauty        |
| .25 Forest Fire          | .20 Satan                  |
| .20 Golden Eclipse       | .20 Sanhican's Cameo       |
| .15 Golden Plume         | .15 Silverado              |
| .25 Golden Standard      | .35 Sonny Boy              |
| .60 Greater Glory        | .25 Sonny J. Rolfe         |
| .25 Heath Spencer        | .35 Sophisticate           |
| .30 H. R. S.             | .35 Sultan of Hillcrest    |
| .25 Hunts V. Wonder      | .10 The Commodore          |
| .20 Iroquois Sunbeam     | .60 Twisted Triumph        |
| .15 Jane Cowl            | .35 Wenoka                 |
| .20 Jersey's Beauty      | .30 White Abundance        |
| .25 Jerseys Dainty       | .50 Your Lucky Star        |
| .35 Jerseys White Beauty | .40 Youth                  |
| .20 Juanita Monacho      | .25 Miniature Dahlia Seeds |
| .25 Kathleen Norris      | .25 Pompon Dahlia Seeds    |
| .15 Kentucky Sun         | .25 Large Dahlia Seeds     |
| .15 La Doska Dowd        |                            |
| .20 Marshalls Pink       | 1.25 SPECIAL ASSORTMENT    |
| .25 M. Kol               | Six Poms and six Mins.     |
| .60 Monarch of East      | (our selection)            |

### MINIATURE DAHLIAS

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| .15 Baby Royal     | .20 Granite Falls |
| .20 Butterfly      | .15 Little Pal    |
| .15 Carlotta       | .20 Persimmon     |
| .20 Fairy          | .15 Red Pearl     |
| .25 Francis Graham | .20 Serene        |
| .15 Fox Hound      | .25 Stoplight     |

### POMPONS

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| .15 Aimee         | .15 Hazel Dell     |
| .15 A. Rockwood   | .15 Helen Anita    |
| .15 Allen H.      | .15 Iroquois Henry |
| .15 Amber Queen   | .15 Joe Fette      |
| .15 Barbara       | .15 Josephine      |
| .15 Blue Dot      | .15 Leta           |
| .15 Chickie       | .15 Little David   |
| .15 Clara Harsh   | .15 Lorre          |
| .15 Clarice       | .15 Lurline        |
| .15 Cleo          | .15 Marianne       |
| .15 Constance     | .15 Mary Munns     |
| .15 Cornelia      | .15 Mimi           |
| .15 Elise         | .15 Minnie Mells   |
| .15 Elizabeth     | .15 Morning Mist   |
| .15 Elvina        | .15 Peggy Ann      |
| .15 Eureka        | .15 Speckles       |
| .15 Fifi          | .15 Sylvia Morgar  |
| .15 Flame         | .15 Tom Thumb      |
| .15 Garnet Flakes | .15 Yellow Gem     |
| .15 Goldie        |                    |

TOTAL .....\$.....

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ORDERS

All orders are either shipped or acknowledged by return mail.

Full cultural directions for planting, cultivating and fertilizing the Dahlias are enclosed with each shipment. Also how to take care of the roots over winter. Any points not covered in these instructions will be gladly furnished on request.

**IDENTIFICATION OF ROOTS**—Stamped indelibly on each root is its name. This is done at the time of dividing the clumps so that there is very little possibility of a root being mislabeled.

**DISCOUNTS**—It has been found there is some saving in overhead expense and labor when large orders are sent out, and this saving is returned to the customer as follows:

**ORDERS** amounting to over \$20.00.....20% discount

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The discount to which your order entitles you may be deducted in sending in the remittance with your order, or will be supplied by me in the form of extra roots of my selection, in which case usually somewhat better value is given than the exact amount as listed.

Make checks and money orders payable to MILLER DAHLIA FARMS. Cash, stamps and currency accepted only at sender's risk.

**C. O. D. ORDERS**—No C.O.D. orders accepted without a deposit of at least 25% of the amount of the order. Collection charges will be added to the amount to be collected by the postman.

**GUARANTEE**—All roots sent out are guaranteed to be sound, healthy, true to name and to have at least one live eye or sprout. Any root found unsatisfactory must be returned within three weeks of its receipt by the customer, for replacement or refund of the purchase price. Should a Dahlia prove untrue to name, it will be replaced the following season. No further obligation than the amount paid for the root is assumed by the Miller Dahlia Farms under this guarantee.

**SUBSTITUTIONS**—Stock of some varieties may not be equal to the demand, and to save time and correspondence or the necessity of a refund, it is suggested the customer allow the privilege of substituting similar varieties when necessary, especially in later orders. Extra value is always given in such cases.

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**SEATTLE, 88**

**R. C. MILLER, Prop.,**

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# Dahlia Culture

Soil should have good drainage—a spot where water stands will rot the roots.

As soon as the ground can be worked in the spring, spade it at least 12 inches deep, 18 inches if possible. Work in any humus available, such as leaves, rotted lawn clippings, etc. Keep working up the ground, so that by planting time it will be fine and loose. On very heavy soil it is necessary to work in some sand or fine coal ashes.

Every 3 or 4 years the soil will need lime to sweeten it and keep it in good condition. Broadcast agricultural or slaked lime in powdered form, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. to a dahlia hill. Rake into soil lightly. Well rotted cow manure is good for dahlias, but the use of chicken manure is not advised.

Dahlias can be given a good start by keeping the roots in dampened peat moss in a moderate, warm place until the sprouts are an inch or more in length before planting. **Do not put roots into ground that feels cold; a sprouted root planted in May will usually bloom earlier and do better than a dormant root planted in March.**

Most failures and rotted roots are the result of too early planting.

Space your dahlias about 3 ft. apart each way. Lay the root flat with the sprout up at the bottom of a 6- or 8-inch hole, covering only a little above the top of the sprout. Drive your stake or marker a few inches from the head of the root, and fill up the hole as the sprout comes through. It is not necessary to hill up the plant.

In some localities where cut worms are apt to do damage to young plants, it is well to make a collar or tar paper around the plant, extending into the soil about 2 inches.

If Dahlias have been grown in the plot before, it will now be advisable to mix up 5 lbs. raw pulverized bone meal and 1 lb. muriate of potash for every 10 plants, and rake this into the ground between them, keeping it a foot away from the hill.

The important thing from planting till the buds appear is deep, thorough cultivation each week. If rain falls at this time, always cultivate afterwards, so that there will not be a crust formed.

Pinch off all except one sprout to a hill and for best results generally, pinch out the top of each dahlia after it has formed two sets of leaves. As buds appear, you may disbud for large blooms by pinching off all the buds as they appear, excepting the terminal bud on each branch. Some varieties that make a very bushy growth, are benefitted by taking out some of the branches clear down to the main stalk.

Spray every week or ten days with a mixture of soap and nicotine sulphate or any of the commercial aphid and insect sprays is recommended from the time the plants are one foot high until danger of insects is past.

At this time, when the buds are forming, discontinue deep cultivating, as the fine feeding roots now are spreading far out from the plant and closer to the surface. A heavy mulch such as lawn clippings or straw covering the ground will help keep in the moisture and prevent the ground from packing. Lacking this, rake the surface lightly after each rain or watering. It should not be necessary to water before the plants are in bloom, but from then on they need lots of water. Soak the ground thoroughly once a week or ten days, and the day after watering if you dig down into the soil 12 inches deep and do not find the ground moist at that depth you have not watered sufficiently, and have done more harm than good.

When starting to bloom, another dressing of bone meal spread

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between the plants as before is helpful. The rain or watering will carry this down into the soil to the feeding roots.

A few days after the first killing frost in the fall cut off the stalks close to the ground, and first loosening the soil all around each plant, lift out the clump of roots very carefully. They are very tender at this time, and any that break at the neck are a total loss. Now cut off nearly all the rest of the stalk and stand upside down to allow the acid water to drain out of the stalk. You can now wash off the dirt with a stream of water, not too strong, or you may be able to shake off most of the dirt after drying a while. In either case see that the surface of the roots is well dried off before storing.

Pack the clumps upside down in boxes or barrels and store in a cool, well ventilated cellar. If the cellar has a furnace, it may be too dry, in which case it may be well to pack the clumps in sawdust, covering them completely. Examine each clump about a month after storing, and carefully cut out any places that have started to rot, dusting the cut places with slaked lime or powdered sulphur.

ADJUSTMENTS. If a root should not sprout within three weeks of receipt, please return it and it will be replaced or the money refunded. Do not enclose any letter or note with the root, this would necessitate paying a much higher postage charge.

Sometimes soaking such a root in warm water for twenty-four hours and then planting in warm ground will start it.

If you have any special dahlia problems not covered by these suggestions, please write me about it. It will be a pleasure to give you any advice and help that is within my power.

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### DAHLIA SEEDS

|                                                            |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Pompon or Miniature Dahlia Seeds per packet of</b>      |            |
| over 50 seeds.....                                         | <b>25c</b> |
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